

RECOGNIZING THE 84TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CULINARY UNION

**HON. STEVEN HORSFORD**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I ask that this body recognize the Culinary Union's 84th Anniversary.

Since 1935, the Culinary Union has improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Nevada hospitality workers and their families. Its continued fight to secure good benefits and union wages for its members have made it an essential economic institution in the Silver State.

The Culinary Union can rightfully claim that it has won a "middle-class standard of living" for more than 700,000 hospitality workers during its 84 years. Its guest room attendants, cocktail and food servers, porters, bellmen, cooks, bartenders, laundry and kitchen workers hail from 178 different countries and speak 40 different languages.

I'm proud of the work this union has accomplished.

CONGRATULATING NORMA EHRIG

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Norma Ehrig of Gonzales, Texas, for receiving the David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 97th Annual Gonzales Chamber of Commerce banquet recognized Mrs. Ehrig for her exceptional community engagement. Her friends and colleagues vouched for her much deserved recognition.

Mrs. Ehrig's involvement in the community has tremendously affected the lives of the youth. At Gonzales East Avenue Primary School, she counsels students and assists disadvantaged children.

Mrs. Ehrig's commitment includes providing funds for these underprivileged kids to buy food and clothing when their families are not there to support them. And as Mrs. Ehrig is never one to seek recognition, her family was not even aware of her financial contributions to help those less fortunate. Her family embraced her selfless acts and appreciated the way in which she devoted herself to helping the community.

Mrs. Ehrig has also assisted Gonzales' Child Protective Services; she helped raise funding for essential examination equipment to investigate severe child abuse. With her help, the city established the Gonzales Regional Child Advocacy Center.

To honor her, the board members renamed the center as "Norma's House" in 2001 and recognized her as a permanent board member.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Ehrig and recognize her tremendous service in the Gonzales community.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—STILLWATER DAY SPA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stillwater Day Spa for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Entrepreneurs Lewis Ortiz and Michael Bertles see nothing but potential in the Commerce City and work hard to provide needed services to the community. Their work began with Heart and Soul Floral providing floral services to more recently providing health and wellness services in the northern range with the Stillwater Day Spa.

Stillwater Day Spa offers a full range of spa services including massage, facials, waxing, fillers, injections, and more. Since opening in October 2017, the company has steadily increased its product and service offerings and has doubled in size to accommodate the growing business. Stillwater Day Spa supports other local entrepreneurs and small businesses by selling their products at the spa, partnering with them on monthly giveaways, and leasing out space within their suite to another small business as well.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Stillwater Day Spa for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARLOS JOSE CARRANCO, SR.

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Carlos Jose Carranco, Sr.

Mr. Carranco was born and raised in Laredo, TX. He attended Martin High School and eventually served as a combat infantryman during World War II. He proudly served his country and was honorably discharged in May of 1946.

After the war, Mr. Carranco graduated from Laredo Junior College before attending Texas A&I, known today as Texas A&M University-Kingsville, where he received his bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in education administration. Mr. Carranco later made an impact educating his local community for 42 years as a secondary school teacher and at Laredo Community College. He also served as a Principal at both Thomas Sanchez Elementary School and Santa Maria Elementary School in Laredo; together comprising 26 years of his educational career.

Mr. Carranco was a well-respected individual who led a life of service. He was a steward of the Laredo community through teaching and helping others reach their full potential. His dedication to others demonstrates what it really means to be an American.

Mr. Carranco is survived by his wife of 15 years, Bessie Lee Carranco, his brother Antonio Carranco, as well as several children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

HONORING DR. MARY WILLIAMS URGENT AND PRIMARY CARE OF CLARKSDALE, MS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mary Williams.

Dr. Mary Williams was born to Albert and Emma Williams. She is the ninth child of ten children. Six sisters: Dorothy, Olivia, Sherlie, Maretta, Deleatha, and Chrystal and three brothers: Morris, Jeffrey, and Donald. Mary was raised in Marks, Mississippi. She is the owner of Urgent and Primary Care of Clarksdale, Mississippi, the first Urgent Care clinic to be opened in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Dr. Mary Williams is recognized amongst family, her community, and her colleagues as a woman of integrity, service, compassion, and outstanding spirit.

Dr. Williams attended and graduated from Quitman County High School. After earning her high school diploma (1987), Northwest Community College, where she earned her Associate Degree in Nursing, Delta State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and then attended Mississippi University for Women where she received her Master of Science Degree. With her commitment to becoming the best in her field, she attended the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2011, where she received her Doctor of Nursing Degree with a major in Forensic Nursing.

Dr. Williams is also a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner at Northwest MS Regional Medical Center, where her specialty is Renal Disease and Hypertension Management. She has spent her entire life building strong working relationships in the healthcare field and educating people on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Dr. Williams owned and operated Clarksdale's first locally owned hospice agency in 2001 thru 2007. She holds licenses to practice as a Nurse Practitioner in the state of Mississippi and Tennessee. She is also a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, American Association for Nurse Practitioners and the National Kidney Foundation.

Dr. Williams has been named one of the Top 50 Mississippi Leading Business Women in the state of Mississippi. She has received numerous awards in healthcare. She credits all of her achievements to her strong foundation in God. She is a member of St. Matthew Church of God in Christ and an active member of Iota Delta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. where she currently serves as President.

Dr. Williams is the proud mother of two children, Ebony and Andre, and four grandchildren. Dr. Williams' leadership, passion, dedication, dependability, and service have made her synonymous with being one of the best, if not the best Family Nurse Practitioners

in the Mississippi Delta. Dr. Williams is recognized for her service to God, her family, her country, her community, and the people that seek her help.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Mary Williams for her dedication to serving this great state and country.

RECOGNIZING THE WILLIAMSON  
FAMILY

**HON. DONNA E. SHALALA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed, Carol, and Trae Williamson. The Williamsons are pillars of the South Florida community and have been named Citizens of the Year by the Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club, one of my District's most active community service organizations.

The Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club serves disadvantaged children in Miami through partnerships with more than a dozen local schools. In addition, the Club has awarded over \$200,000 in college scholarships over the past seven years.

This year marks the first time the Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club has selected an entire family for the Citizen of the Year Award. Ed, Carol, and Trae have made tremendous contributions to our community, both through Ed's business, the Williamson Automotive Group, and through their involvement with numerous community organizations in Miami, including the Orange Bowl Committee, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Beacon Council, the Dade Foundation, the United Way of Dade County, the Rotary Club of South Florida, and the Miami Business Forum. The Williamsons are also generous supporters of the University of Miami, where Trae is currently a PhD candidate and adjunct professor in management.

The Williamson family exemplifies extraordinary dedication to the South Florida community. I am pleased to celebrate their achievements as community leaders.

CELEBRATING THE LOVE BE-  
TWEEN MICHAEL AND  
ESPERANZA

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my greatest congratulations to Michael Ortiz Ayala and Esperanza Padilla Ayala for their 70th wedding anniversary.

On this special anniversary, I'm delighted to know Michael and Esperanza are surrounded by their loving family including their three children: Carlos, Dolores and Teresa; and their nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They join this lovely couple in celebrating the love and partnership they have shared for nearly three quarters of a century. The love shared between these two continues to inspire their friends and all their loved ones in Fort Worth.

I'm delighted to wish them many more years together.

HONORING VERNA MUSTICO AS  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Verna Mustico, whom I have named the 2019 Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Mustico has been dedicated to our community for over 60 years. She has served as the Chair of the Board of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure she helped establish a new headquarters downtown and started the Leadership Vallejo Program. The Chamber was also awarded several awards under her leadership. Ms. Mustico assisted the Salvation Army with finding a Vallejo location and opening a soup kitchen. Ms. Mustico led the effort to build a helipad at Sutter Solano Medical Center. She organized our community to raise \$250,000 for the project. She was also instrumental in the successful \$500,000 fundraising campaign for the East Wing expansion of the Medical Center. Most recently, Ms. Mustico worked to rename the main post office in Vallejo after Janet Capello, her longtime friend and a prominent Vallejoan.

Ms. Mustico has participated on numerous boards and received many awards for her selfless service. She is a past president and a member of the Vallejo Rotary Club, which awarded her Rotarian of the Year. She is also the past president and a member of the Vallejo Symphony Association Board. Ms. Mustico is a lifetime member of the Solano Association Board of Realtors and serves on the Scholarship Committee. She has also been honored by the California State Assembly for her professional and civic achievements.

Ms. Mustico was born in Oklahoma and moved to San Diego at the age of four. She moved to Vallejo in 1951 and began her career at the Coca Cola Bottling Company and Staats & Bell Furniture. She is the Broker and Owner of Mustico Realty in Vallejo, a successful real estate company that she founded. She was married to Peter Mustico, with whom she has two daughters, for 58 years. She has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Verna Mustico is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Solano County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CONGRATULATING HARVIE  
CHISHOLM

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Harvie Chisholm, who resides on Padre Island in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Ms. Chisholm recently celebrated her 104th birthday, which makes her the oldest Islander. She accredits her spry longevity to a diet consisting of chocolate and bananas.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Harvie Chisholm and look forward to her soon celebrating her 105th.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HOUSTON COUGARS MEN'S BASKETBALL  
TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Houston Cougars Men's Basketball Team on its extraordinary success during the 2018–2019 season.

I am proud to represent this exceptional university, which is located in the heart of the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

The University of Houston men's basketball team were dominant throughout the season, compiling a 30–2 overall record and 16–2 in conference play.

This season marks the first outright American Athletic Conference Championship, which confers an automatic berth to the NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament.

The Cougars were consistently ranked in the Top 20 all season and currently are ranked No. 11 in the Associated Press Poll and No. 10 in the Coaches Poll.

The Cougars opened their March Madness quest on Thursday, March 21, in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the No. 3 seed in the Midwest Region, where they defeated Georgia State, 84–55.

After defeating Ohio State 74–59, on Sunday, March 24, the Cougars advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 35 years.

The Cougars next take the court this Friday against the No. 2 seed Kentucky Wildcats at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, you should also know that this historic season includes the selection of Cougars Head Coach Kelvin Sampson as AAC Coach of the Year.

This year's success of the student athletes at the University of Houston, together with its first-rate academic program, shows the nation and the world the formidable prowess of this fine institution led by its dynamic and visionary Chancellor and President, Dr. Renu Khato.

I commend congratulate Coach Sampson, the Cougars and wish them continued success at the Big Dance.